

FLOWCHART ANALYSIS WORKSHEET

Serial No. _____
 Claim(s) _____

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BOX	ISSUE	YES/ NO	Go To	NOTES
BOX 2	Q. 2a. Does the disclosed invention have a practical application?		Whether yes/no go to 2b	
	Q. 2b. Is the disclosed invention in the technological arts?		Whether yes/no go to 6a	
BOX 6	Q. 6a. Is claimed invention a computer program per se?		if yes, go to 7 if no, go to 6b	
	Q. 6b. Is claimed invention a data structure per se?		if yes, go to 7 if no, go to 6c	
	Q. 6c. Is claimed invention non-functional descriptive material?		if yes, go to 7 if no, go to 6d	
	Q. 6d. Is claimed invention a natural phenomenon?		if yes, go to 7 if no, go to 8	
BOX 8	Q. Is claimed invention a series of steps to be performed on a computer?		if yes, go to 12a if no, go to 9	
BOX 9	Q. Is claimed invention a product for performing a process?		Whether yes/no go to 10	
BOX 10	Q. Is claimed invention a specific machine or manufacture?		if yes, go to END if no, go to 12a	
BOX 12	Q. 12a. Does the process have post-computer process activity?		if yes, go to END if no or unsure, go to 12b	
	Q. 12b. Does the process have pre-computer process activity?		if yes, go to END if no or unsure, go to 13a	
BOX 13	Q. 13a. Does process manipulate abstract idea w/o limitation to a practical application?		if yes, go to 15 if no, go to 13b	
	Q. 13b. Does process solve math problem w/o limitation to a practical application?		if yes, go to 15 if no, go to END	

USE OF THE FLOWCHART ANALYSIS WORKSHEET

1. Use this worksheet for any application having claims presenting an issue of determining statutory/non-statutory subject matter.
2. Use a separate worksheet for each group of claims (same invention - same issue) in the application.
3. Enter the Serial Number for the application at the top of the worksheet.
4. Enter the claim number(s) for the claim(s) being analyzed on the worksheet.
5. Enter a YES/NO for each question, following the appropriate directions in the "Go To" column.
6. Make appropriate notes to support the conclusions you reach in your analysis. These notes will be helpful should you decide to consult with one of the Help Panels.
7. Use a supplemental sheet if you need more room for your notes.
8. Do not leave the worksheet in the application file. The analysis and notes are only to assist you in analyzing the case and working with your SPE or the Help Panel.